

## Community Juvenile Services Board

November 19, 2015

Present were: Paul Fritzler Dean Braughton, Wayne Beatty, Carol King,, Amanda Robbins-Lillie, Jenn Miner, Lt. Jerry Clark, Tim O'Daniel, Michael Scott, Debbie Huber, Emily Genoff Stacy Nelson Elynn Schriber (13)

1.) The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. with a review of the budget. A brief overview of line items was given by facilitator Wayne B. It was pointed out that we have obligations in the future to fund two conference situations; however, even then there may be money remaining. Jenn M. brought up the need to have a tracking program to keep up with community service and restitution situations.--both adult and juvenile. The discussion was re directed toward Handel and trying to keep reports uniform. More discussion is needed on Jennifer's data collection needs. Debbie H. mentioned a computer line item containing money but having no activity. Dean brought up the defunct printer in the D.A.'s Office currently used by Diversion Officers, Probation staff and others. This printer is non operational. Carol King moved and Tim O'Daniel seconded that up to \$1200.00 be spent to replace said printer. Motion carried. The budget is in good order with 7 months to go.

2.) Comparative data was discussed next with October (2015) Single Point of Entry referenced. Paul F. characterized the trend as level. At that point D.F.S. Court cases and placements were highlighted (as furnished by Alison Morrison in writing as she was unable to attend. Tim mentioned that there is information missing as in perhaps 90% of the teens coming into R.J.D.C. are currently using drugs and that includes all to frequently meth. Paul encouraged R.J.D.C. to develop and generate some hard numbers documenting that trend.

3.) Drug Testing was discussed next with strong anecdotal evidence that the newly enacted Juvenile call in system is working very, very well. The Board heard testimonials from Deputy Scott (Diversion) and both Jennifer Reece (A.D.A.) and Alison Morrison (Probation Supervisor) ,who were not

present, but sent written statements about how well the new system is working. More in Committee next month.

4.) Dr. Braughton reported on the transition of Student Advocates into schools and out of the probation department. He mentioned that ongoing funding for the program is tentative at best. Advocates, he stated are a “work in progress.” Paul mentioned that Advocates and Student Court Probation people should be helping each other. All agreed and Paul mentioned that he and Wayne B. had recently attended a meeting with Advocates and their School Principals in Dr. Braughton’s Office. Communication is key. More on this during next month’s Committee meeting.

5.) Deputy Scott reported on the recent International Bullying Conference held in Denver, Co. earlier this month. He mentioned the networking situations and indicated that himself, a staffer from Mercer F.R.C. and a student representing Youth Empowerment Council attended and learned a lot. He mentioned a European Curriculum that has wide support called “Olweus.” This will be a discussion topic between conference attendees and Dr. Braughton soon. Dean brought up the need for a unified, curricular approach to this topic in secondary schools. State law requires Districts to address bullying BUT a one shot approach every year is not the answer. Dean stressed a “culture change” being needed. His vision includes #1 a compliance component, #2 an educational component and #3 a human component. Discussion went to a student led breakout at the conference (students from Ft. Collins) and Jenn m. mentioned the dovetail with a R.J. situation in Boulder, Colorado. Much more on this in the near future.

6). Paul addressed the need for C.J.S.B. elections of new officers. It was brought up that since our budgets are for 2 years, our officers should be elected for that term as well. Jenn mentioned it might be well to elect half the slate in even years and the other half in odd years. That way there would be stability. Tim O’Daniel moved and Debbie Huber seconded that

Vice Chair and Secretary should be selected in even years and Chair and Treasurer in odd years. The motion passed.

## **7.) Individual member reports and updates:**

**Lt. Jerry Clark**---reported that the S.O. is steady and the numbers in adult jail are holding consistently.

**Tim O'Daniel**---mentioned the R.J.D.C. is dealing with more and more severe psychopathic and dangerous behavior. Teens are ending up in R.J.D.C. because they can be served nowhere else. He indicated this situation causes staffing challenges. He also mentioned they are looking for reliable, stable employees.

**Dean Braughton**---spoke of the need for more focused communication. He recapped a recent meeting with police, district leaders and attorneys about police interviewing students at school. Understandings and mutual respect are vital. He also mentioned a meeting discussing interventions with behaviorally disordered students and when police should be called. He reported great outcomes in both cases.

**Stacy Nelson**---reported that Y.C.C. had finally slowed down after a very busy October. She reported that business was either slow or rushed. Tough on staff.

**Deb Huber**---reported chins numbers from M.F.R.C. and intervention numbers. Staff have been busy.

**Emily Genoff**---W.B.I. reported that bed availability is a real issue and that they are very busy. She mentioned how some Wyoming Counties are using Title 25 (involuntary commitment) to secure bed space. She mentioned seeing more and more difficult teens and that length of stay is increasing. Tim O. echoed the longer stay scenario at R.J.D.C. also. W.B.I. is looking at ways to expand their physical plant to house more clients.

**Carol King**--- C.W.C.C. reported that T.F.C. (therapeutic foster care) is up to 8 homes. and that talented staff are making a real difference. She also

reported that their teen substance abuse treatment unit was not full but the severity of cases is very noticable. She mentioned that for the first time in many years all therapy positions are filled at C.W.C.C. Paul gave cudos to the T.F.C. Director at C.W.C.C. (Bill) for great strides in a tough area. This level of intervention is essential for kids with severe disorders.

**Jennifer Miner---** gave reports on community service both adult and teen. Those very complete and thorough reports will be in the printed minutes next month.

**Amanda Robbins-Lilly---** reported that Progressive Youth had been very busy. and they are working to engage a contract Counselor to work with the youth.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Paul Fritzler at 10:35.a.m.

Next meeting ( Committee) is scheduled for 12/17/2015

As always---if you see items in these minutes that are not correct or give misleading information please please let me (Wayne Beatty) know the sooner the better. I make every effort to check for understanding before e-mailing these to you---but things sneak through sometimes. As you can see in this month's minutes there are two situations where votes were taken and money was spent. Accuracy is important and you are the eyes and ears.

Thanks for all you do.

W.B.